Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) (*i*) to (*iv*) Yes. Representations have been received from Messrs. The Catholic Knights' Association, Palluruthi.

(*b*) Yes. The Municipal Commissioner has been asked to bestow more attention on matters referred to above.

(*c*) No answer is required in view of the answer to (*b*).

RICKSHAW STANDS

401. Mr. P. K. Dewer *(Nominated):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the number of Rickshaws in—

(*i*) Ernakulam town;

(*ii*) Mattancheri Municipality;

(*b*) the number of licensed Rickshaw Pullers in—

(*i*) Ernakulam town;

(*ii*) Mattancheri town;

(*c*) the number of cart-stands in Mattancheri and Ernakulam Municipality separately?

Mr. C. J. Mathew *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) (*i*) and (*ii*) In 1120, there were 490 Rickshaws in Ernakulam and 421 in Mattancheri.

(*b*) (*i*) and (*ii*) In 1120 there were 1046 licensed Rickshaw Pullers in Ernakulam and 1248 in Mattancheri.

(*c*) In Ernakulam there are 9 cart-stands and in Mattancheri 5. Besides these, there are 24 Hackney stands in Mattancheri and 10 in Ernakulam.

VIGILANCE COMMITTEE

402. Mr. M. I. Paul *(Narakkal):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) what is the function of the Vigilance Committee in the State;

(*b*) whether they are authorised to make reports to the authorities concerned about the misbehaviour of the Police, if any;

(*c*) whether the Government is in a position to quote a few such instances as the Vigilance Committee of any place have reported against any police officer for his misbehaviour, if any; what action the Government have taken on that ?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The Vigilance Committees are intendended to be of general help to the Police in getting information on all matters of interest to the Police in regard to crimes, criminals, etc.

(*b*) They are in no better position than others for that matter.

(*c*) No such instance has come to the notice of Government.

TRAFFIC ACCIDENTS—ARIMPUR SCHOOL

403. Mr. V. R. Krishnan Ezhuthassan *(Oorakam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) have any accidents taken place during the past three years at the road curve near the Arimpur Bridge on the Trichur-Kandassankadavu Road;

(*b*) if so, what is the number of such accidents;

(*c*) what is the distance between this curve and the nearest school;

(*d*) were any school children involved in any of such accidents;

(*e*) is there any caution board or other traffic control measure at this point;

(*f*) have Government received any petition from any body requesting to make traffic control arrangements at this point;

(*g*) if so, what steps have Government taken in this matter?

Mr. K. S. Raghavan *(Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) One.

(*c*) About 1½ furlongs.

(*d*) Yes; one boy studying in M. S. Arimbur.

(*e*) Yes. There are caution boards on either side of the school.

(*f*) Yes.

(*g*) The Government considered the request but decided that it was unnecessary to create a traffic point at this place.

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